Search for new markets by Indian Sugar Exporters

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the global slump, Indian sugar exporters are in search of new markets;

(b) if so, whether these exporters have tapped new market in Georgia to which sugar has been exported and negotiations are on for more exports;

(c) if so, the countries to which sugar is being exported;

(d) the total sugar exported to Georgia during the last six months; and

(e) to what extent exporters have succeeded in tapping the foreign market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (e) In order to boost export of sugar, Indian Sugar exporters are trying to tap new markets. With this end in view, Indian Sugar EXIM Corporation Ltd. has exported 15,800.0 MTs of sugar to Georgia, in May, 2003. Indian sugar is being exported mainly to Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Baharain, Canada, Chinese, Taipei, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Malagasy RP, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Somalia, Srilanka, Slovenia, Tanzania, U.A.E., Yemen, etc.

As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata, during the financial year 2002-2003, a quantity of 14.70 lakh tonnes has been exported as against the quantity of 14.56 lakh tonnes exported during the last financial year 2001-02.